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QUANG TRI MONUMENT COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 16, 2021: Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Son Chi Do, Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Paul Sau Van Le, Nam Tan, Au Truong, Ngoc Buu Phan, Quan Hoang Nguyen, Chi Van Tran, Man Cong Van, Robert Harrison, Conrad Gomez and Chanh Minh

PRESENT: Son Chi Do, Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Paul Sau Van Le, Nam Tan, Ngoc Buu Phan, Quan Hoang Nguyen, Chi Van Tran, Man Cong Van, Robert Harrison, Chanh Minh, Conrad Gomez. Three committee members were absent, as a result Conrad Gomez served as Committee member during the meeting.

ABSENT: Au Truong, Aidinh Nguyen and Hung Van Nguyen

STAFF PRESENT: Public Works Director, Jake Ngo and Community Services Director, Diana Dobbert.

SALUTE TO FLAG: Chair Le

1. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Mark Lawrence, resident of Westminster, expressed his concerns about excluding American soldiers. He said that Americans have been forgotten in this project. He said there is disrespect to American soldiers and his Vietnamese neighbors believe this project is dividing the town and project should be inclusive.

David Nguyen spoke about his submittal and wanted to share his ideas about the design he submitted. He spoke about the Quang Tri gate and the importance of this element.

Terry Rains, resident of Westminster, spoke about her concerns related to the committee actions. She made reference to an advertisement in 2 Vietnamese newspapers, possibly paid for by a Committee Member or Council Member and only included 1 depiction. She requested that actions taken by Committee Members must be transparent. She also spoke about an event that occurred in San Jose over the weekend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Robert Harrison to approve minutes from the November 2, 2021 meeting and was seconded by Conrad Gomez.

AYES: Son Chi Do, Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Paul Sau Van Le, Nam Tan, Ngoc Buu Phan, Chi Van Tran, Man Cong Van, Quan H. Nguyen, Robert Harrison, Chanh Minh and Conrad Gomez.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Au Truong, Aidinh Nguyen and Hung Van Nguyen

2. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. Continued from the November 2, 2021 Meeting: Monument:

- I. Depiction, Design, Title and Who will be Honored– Committee Member Harrison commented that some of the depiction information was submitted in Vietnamese and he was concerned that residents will not be able to understand. Committee Member Harrison spoke on behalf of Tuan Nguyen, Sculpture of the War Memorial Statue, as he submitted a depiction for the proposed monument. He said Mr. Nguyen said that placement and acreage will control size and project details. Vice Chair Hoang provided details about the depiction from the Veterans and Friends Group. Vice Chair Hoang spoke about the importance of the

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Quang Tri Citadel wall. Committee Member Gomez discussed the placements and heights of the flags. He said the US flag needs to be placed on the left and must fly at the same height as other flags. He also stated concerns with placement of emblems from Marines, Army, Navy and Airforce. Vice Chair Hoang assured members that flag protocol will be followed. Committee Member Gomez also presented emblems from various US military groups that participated in Quang Tri battle. Vice Chair Hoang said he wants the depiction to be accurate. Committee Member Do shared his comments regarding the depiction submitted by the Veterans and Friends group. Committee Member Tan spoke about depiction submitted by the Veterans and Friends Group and requested to have one of the soldiers moved from the left side to right side. Chair Le also spoke about the design submitted by Veterans and Friends group. He liked the logos included on the front of the monument. Committee Member Van commented that he would like to see that the Victory Flag in the middle should be smaller than the 2 other flags. Committee Member Gomez commented that the US Flag must remain at the same height as other flags. Committee Member Hoang spoke about dimensions of the monument.

Vice Chair Hoang made a motion to approve depiction and design from the Veterans and Friends group and include all Military logos of those groups that participated in the battle, seconded by Man Cong Van.

AYES: Son Chi Do, Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Paul Sau Van Le, Nam Tan, Ngoc Buu Phan, Chi Van Tran, Man Cong Van, Quan H. Nguyen, Robert Harrison, Chanh Minh and Conrad Gomez.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Au Truong, Aidinh Nguyen and Hung Van Nguyen

After discussion, Vice Chair Hoang requested that the Monument title be brought back to the Committee at their next meeting.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Hoang and seconded Committee Member Do to bring back the Monument Title to the next meeting which will be held on Monday, November 30, 2021.

AYES: Son Chi Do, Tan Ky (Kenny) Hoang, Paul Sau Van Le, Nam Tan, Ngoc Buu Phan, Chi Van Tran, Man Cong Van, Quan H. Nguyen, Robert Harrison, Chanh Minh and Conrad Gomez.

NOES: None

ABSENT: Au Truong, Aidinh Nguyen and Hung Van Nguyen

B. Fundraising Committee Update – This item was continued to the next Committee meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Monument location recommendations – This item was continued to the next Committee meeting.

B. Next meeting date – Staff addressed the Committee to let them know that the next meeting date will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

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4. **ADJOURNMENT:** At 8:02 p.m. Chair Le adjourned meeting, next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Diana Dobbert
Community Services Director